

Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation". The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter.

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said:

"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."

In August, 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as haven initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUANITA NYE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize a true horsewoman and westerner from Montrose, Colorado, Juanita Nye. Juanita has always had a distinct love for horses throughout her entire life and that passion has now been passed on through several generations of her family. After achieving a lifetime of success in barrel racing on the competitive rodeo circuits, Juanita now has the pleasure of watching her great-granddaughter carry on the proud family legacy.

Although Juanita always showed a great passion for horses, she never had the opportunity to own one until her husband, John Nye, bought her a horse named Silver as a gift in 1933. After that, Juanita's love for horses only grew stronger as she began to display an incredible talent for riding and training the animals. With her horse named Doo-Dash, Juanita won two saddles in 1968 and 1969, both when she was over 50 years old. As a couple, John and Juanita won over 75 buckles and trophies during their rodeo careers.

The Nye's raised two children, Ron and Della, who have proven their talent for riding and carried on the family legacy. Following in her mother's footsteps, Della also began running barrels competitively and won numerous buckles and trophies for her efforts. Della's children, Gary, JD, and Penny, have also proven themselves to be very successful riders and have together received significant recognition from their sport.

Penny married Kevin Wieberg in 1981 and they had two children, Jessica and Danny, who have both carried on the family tradition. Just recently, Juanita had the pleasure of watching Jessica, her great-granddaughter, barrel race at the Hotchkiss Junior Rodeo. In the event, Jessica placed in her age group and went on to win a Symkanna at Cedaredge a week later.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Juanita Nye before this body of Congress and this nation for her equestrian accomplishments in the State of Colorado. Juanita should be very proud of all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they are the heirs to a proud legacy that began with her and her husband, John, almost 70 years ago. I wish her and her family the best of luck in future competitions.

HONORING OF WHITNEY YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Whitney Young Middle School in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday, September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland School Municipal District

CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Edward Dietsche and Principal Beth Haines-Hager for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Whitney Young Middle School has set forth major academic goals for the year, which includes maintaining average attendance rates of 95 percent; improving social responsibility awareness; and improving parent communications. Recent accomplishments from last year include student attendance rates over 95 percent; and an award for the most parent and community response at authors and artists night among all Cleveland middle schools.

I commend the Whitney Young Middle School for its commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. LOUIS GOUVEIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Louis Gouveia, a native of Pomeroy, British Guyana who was born on December 23, 1899 in recognition of his 102nd birthday celebration.

Mr. Louis Gouveia is the last of ten siblings. Mr. Gouveia completed high school and worked with his father for several years prior to coming to the United States in 1921. He did various odd jobs before obtaining his license as a taxi driver.

Mr. Gouveia married Doris Jardine from Grenada on February 10, 1924. They were blessed with four children, three boys, and one girl. His loved ones adore him dearly.

Mr. Gouveia enjoys reading the newspaper daily and keeping abreast of current events. Throughout his life, he has traveled to various countries like Haiti and England as well as the African continent.

Mr. Speaker. Mr. Gouveia, who now resides at the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home, is a pleasant person who participates to his fullest capacity in everyday life activities, and as such, he is more than worthy of receiving recognition today.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF JIM PICCININI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SONOMA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Jim Piccinini, who is retiring as Sheriff-Coroner of Sonoma County, California after thirty-four years of service to his community.

Sheriff Piccinini began his career in public safety with the Roseland Fire Protection District in 1968. He progressed through the ranks